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WEEKLY UPDATE
10/18/2018

THIS SUNDAY AT UUCSW

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21 – 10:30 AM

Tribes – presented by Jim Kirk

Tribes help us to define ourselves. They also help us to define others. Democrat? Republican? UU? Evangelical? Catholic? Protestant? American? Foreigner? 1%? 99%? Us? Them? You? Me? Tribes set us apart from others. Understanding Tribes can also help unite us

THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – OCTOBER 21, 2018

RE classes: On October 21st we are beginning in the chapel for a special children's worship at 10:30 and you can pick your kids up from their individual classes at 11:45! Thanks!
Special Food Collection: next Sunday the 28th we will be having a special collection for the food drive during the service. Bring your donations into the sanctuary with you so our kids can parade in their Halloween costumes while they collect them in baskets. **All our youth are welcome and encouraged to dress up and participate!**

THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (cont.)

Fighting the Horcruxes!
This year our 5th/6th grade class is following the program Harry and the UU, which is adapted from JK Rowling's Harry Potter book series. Each month we will tackle a different "horcrux" or injustice in the world. ***October's Horcrux is Hunger. As this class learns more about what this looks like in our community we ask you to bring in donations for the Westborough Food Pantry.*** They have requested canned fruit, cereal, cake/brownie mix, feminine products, shampoo, deodorant, razors, etc. I would also like to add that we are headed into fall and winter so I'm sure donations of soup, hot drinks, Thanksgiving items, lunch snacks for kids, etc. would be put to good use. Any other donations you can think of are also welcome. There are boxes for collections at both doors and we will have a special gathering at the service on October 28th.

Movie Night!: On **October 27th** the Youth Group will be holding a Movie Night Fundraiser. Come join us for Halloween fun as we watch a movie and enjoy snacks and activities. Movie Night runs from 6-8:30, it is open to all potty trained youth, and it is $20/child or $40 cap per family.

PreK-1st Grade:
Spirit Play: Learning about the green Promise of Unitarian Universalism, hands on play, snack, etc.

2nd-4th Grade:
Moral Tales: Come learn about how we can be welcoming to each other!

5th-6th Grade:
Harry and UU: This week our theme is Magical Creatures!

7th-8th Grade:
Modified Building Bridges: Come continue our discussion of Hinduism!

UUCSW HAPPENINGS

VISTA NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, NOON

The VISTA is published monthly and submissions are **welcome**. Please email submissions to: Andy Koenigsberg at amk32@cornell.edu. Please put "VISTA" in the subject line.
November Vista articles due by noon, Tuesday, October 23rd.

UUCSW HAPPENINGS (cont.)

SPECIAL COLLECTION SUNDAY OCT. 28 IN THE SANCTUARY
CHILDREN IN COSTUME will be collecting items for the food pantry

We are concluding our October Food Pantry collection with a special "Trick or Treat" for Food Pantry Items in the Sanctuary on Sunday October 28th. Children (and Adults) are encouraged to wear costumes and will be asked to walk among the congregation gathering your offerings. The food pantry has specifically requested canned fruit, cereal, cake/brownie mix, feminine products, shampoo, deodorant, razors, etc.

ETHIOPIAN DINNER OPPORTUNITY

Have you been hearing about Nancy Hafkin's Ethiopian Dinner for years and always wanted to attend? It's not just a dinner, it's an experience! Nancy has four openings for the dinner she is holding on ***Saturday, October 20th***. Don't miss out. Tickets are $90 each and worth every penny. If you are interested in attending, please get in touch with Lisa Shumway, LSS0907@gmail.com or 508-243-9211.

WE NEED YOUR HELP
AND IT IS AS EASY AS CLICK, 2, 3…….

If you are a Facebook user we are asking you to "Like" our Facebook Page (Unitarian Universalist Westborough). Once you do that or if you already have, then we hope you will also "like" our events and posts. This action gives what we are doing more exposure to the Facebook world. And step three is to "share" our events on your own Facebook page. It is as easy as clicking on "share" and then "as a post" and if you wish, add your own introductory comment. Now our events have been shared with your facebook friends. Please help us spread the news of all that is happening at UUCSW!

STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS – OUR EASIEST FUND RAISER!

Pick up your Stop & Shop gift cards from Ken Young before or after services. **For every dollar purchased, the church receives 5%.** Whether you personally shop at Stop &Shop or like to contribute gift cards to the monthly offering to benefit the Minister's Discretionary fund this is an easy way to fundraise for UUCSW.

AREA AND REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

VOTE – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

For voter status, voting location, and a partial ballot for your area, visit:
https://www.sec.state.ma.us/voterregistrationsearch/myvoterregstatus.aspx
at the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts website.

VOTE "YES ON 3"

TO UPHOLD DIGNITY AND RESPECT FOR OUR TRANSGENDER NEIGHBORS

Did you know that in 2016 Massachusetts became the 19th state to provide basic civil rights protection to transgender people, prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations?
Did you know that in 2018 there is a citizen ballot referendum to repeal this law, so that restaurants, hospitals, hotels, and others can legally discriminate against people just because they are transgender? If the referendum is successful, it will not only re-open discrimination against transgender people in Massachusetts but it will launch a landslide of initiatives nationwide to repeal transgender protections.
The wording of the initiative is confusing, so just remember – Vote Yes on 3! Voting Yes on 3 preserves the 2016 law, making discrimination against transgender people illegal.
More information: https://www.freedommassachusetts.org/
For a personal discussion, reach out to Michelle Hirsch @ michellehirsch822@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 21, 10:30 AM – Program Sunday, Jim Kirk: Tribes
Saturday, October 27, 6-8:30 PM – Kids Movie Night
hosted by Youth Group

Sunday, October 28, 10:30 AM – Rev Bev Waring preaching
Sunday, October 28, during service – Food Donation Gathering
Tuesday, November 6 – Vote!!

You can find even more great information about our church and activities in our **monthly newsletter, the Vista**. Available on our website on the What's Happening page: http://www.uucsw.dreamhosters.com/uu/whats-happening/.